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Darrell Bunch, D.O.
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RE: Letter of Concern
License No. 1330, Case No. 3113

Dear Dr. Bunch:

At its meeting on May 3, 2003, the Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery conducted an investigative hearing on the above-referenced complaint. That complaint alleged that you violated A.R.S. § 32-1854 (5), (6) and (40) in that you did not properly manage the narcotic pain medication prescribed to a patient with a history of drug abuse and recovery.

Based on the information presented and their discussion with you, the Board found there was insufficient evidence to conclude that your conduct constituted unprofessional conduct or to support direct action against your license. However, the Board voted to issue you this advisory **LETTER OF CONCERN**, because the Board believed your conduct was of concern in that you did not appear to have a solid understanding of the current literature on assessment of chronic pain and the management of such conditions in complex cases.

A Letter of Concern is a public document for five years from the date of issuance, and may be cited in future disciplinary actions against your license.

Sincerely yours,

Elaine LeTarte
Executive Director